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1 A Joint Resolution relating to the designation of the
2 department of public safety building as the Oran Pape State
3 Office Building.

4 WHEREAS, it has become accepted procedure to name state
5 office buildings in the Capitol Complex in honor of persons
6 significant in Iowa's history and heritage; and

7 WHEREAS, the state office building located at 215 East
8 Seventh Street, which houses the Department of Public
9 Safety, has not been named since the reconstruction of the
10 building; and

11 WHEREAS, the building that houses the Department of Public
12 Safety should be named for a person who reflects the service,
13 commitment, and sacrifice of all those who have provided public
14 safety and criminal justice services in the department; and

15 WHEREAS, Oran Pape was appointed to the newly formed Iowa
16 Highway Patrol in August 1935, one of the "Original 50"
17 patrolmen to serve in the Patrol; and

18 WHEREAS, Oran Pape was issued badge number 40 as a member of
19 the Patrol and assigned to eastern Iowa; and

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20 WHEREAS, on April 29, 1936, while patrolling U.S. Highway 61
21 near Muscatine, Iowa, Oran Pape noticed a car he believed to
22 have been stolen and had the vehicle stopped; and

23 WHEREAS, when Oran Pape approached the stopped car, the
24 driver pointed a gun at Pape, ordered him into the car, and
25 began to drive away; and

26 WHEREAS, while in the vehicle, Oran Pape grabbed for the gun
27 of the driver and after a brief struggle, two shots went off,
28 killing the driver and severely wounding Oran Pape; and

29 WHEREAS, on April 30, 1936, Oran Pape died as a result of
30 his gunshot injuries, the first member of the Patrol to be
31 killed in the line of duty and the only officer to have been
32 murdered; NOW THEREFORE,

33 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 That the state office building located at 215 East Seventh
2 Street, which houses the Department of Public Safety, be named
3 the Oran Pape State Office Building in honor of Oran Pape; and
4 that an appropriate commemorative plaque be placed near the
5 entrance of the Oran Pape State Office Building in recognition
6 of Oran Pape and his sacrifice as a member of the Iowa State
7 Patrol.

EXPLANATION

9 This joint resolution names the office building, located at
10 215 East Seventh Street and housing the Department of Public
11 Safety, the Oran Pape State Office Building. The resolution,
12 subject to the governor's approval, recognizes the sacrifice
13 Oran Pape made as the first member of the Iowa State Patrol to
14 be killed in the line of duty.